

REMARKS

Claims 10-13, 18 19, 27, 29, 32-34 and 38 are pending. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following.

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 26, 27, 29 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,275,094 to Cranford in view of Conti (Test structure for mismatch characterization of MOS transistors in subthreshold regime).

Claim 4 stands rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cranford in view of Conti and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,731,916 to Haruyama.

Claims 13 and 33 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cranford in view of Conti and further in view of U.S. Patent No. U.S. Patent No. 5,999,043 to Zhang et al.

Claims 11 and 34 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cranford in view of Conti and further in view of Zhang and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,819,183 to Zhou et al.

Claims 15, 16, 35 and 36 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cranford in view of Conti and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,851,768 to Yoshizawa et al.

Claim 18 stands rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cranford in view of Conti and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,181,621 to Lovett.

Claims 19 and 38 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cranford in view of Conti and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,798,278 to Ueda.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable Claim 17 and intervening Claim 15. Claim 27 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable Claim 37 and intervening Claim 35. Claims 1-9, 15-17, 26 and 35-37 have been canceled.

The amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. That is, the Examiner previously indicated, and the Board acknowledged, that Claims 17 and 37 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. **The amendments made herein are believed to be in conformity with these statements and overcome the specific rejections listed above (see 37 CFR §41.50).** Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, the application, including Claims 10-13, 18 19, 27, 29, 32-34 and 38, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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